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Members of the Arizona IRC, my name is Rafael Ihly, a.k.a. Ray. I live in rural unincorporated Pima County. I also own a ranch property in rural Cochise County.

Version 9.0 of the draft LD maps is terrible. Communities of similar interests are separated. Please don't use it. Version 10.0 maps are good for southern Arizona, satisfying legal requirements and representing well the communities of interest. Partisan competitive districts are not needed because communities of interest can and must be kept together Keep Marana, Oro Valley, Tanque Verde, and Vail together in LD17. Keep LD19 intact with 2 exceptions. Please add the area by State Route 83 south of I-10 into LD19. This rural community belongs with the others in LD19. Please move the Tubac I-19 area into LD21. It's an artist's community on the interstate and does not match the interests of other rural communities in LD19. Geography and ease of travel matters little. Having like interests represented in the same district is ALL that matters.

There are still problems with CD6 and CD7. Splitting Tucson in half has the unfair effect of putting large city populations in each district, so only Tucson, minority, and Native American areas are represented. Suburban and rural communities are unrepresented. This is done by putting them in the same districts with urban, minority, and Native American interests that outnumber them. Tucson with Native American and Hispanic communities like South Tucson and Yuma has less than 800,000 people, less than one CD. Today these communities are controlling 2 CDs and getting DOUBLE representation.

It is logical and fair to keep these protected like minded communities in one CD, CD7. Tucson Mayor Regina Romero has asked for Tucson to be in CD7 with like-minded communities. Please oblige her. Likewise it's logical and fair that remaining suburban and rural communities be together in one CD, CD6 to the south, east, and north of Tucson, with nearly 800,000 people. I submitted a map, CD0061, meeting these and all legally required criteria. Please use it, as it is better than what you currently have.

Thank you for your service to the people and State of Arizona, and good luck in completing your difficult task.

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